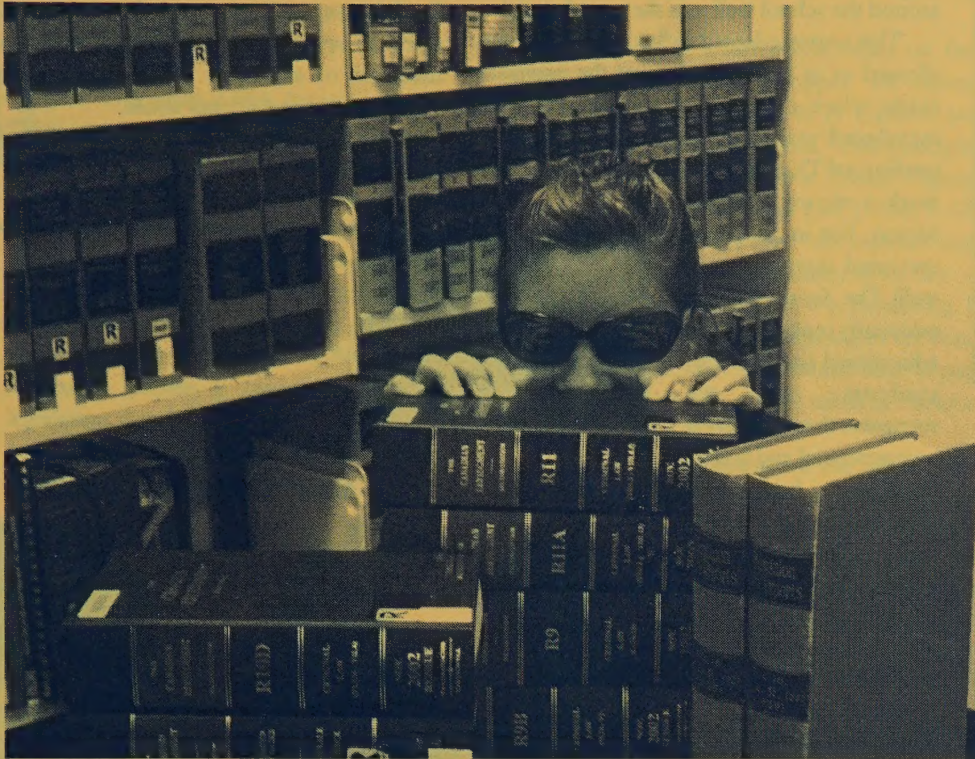


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## ***BREAKING NEWS!***

### **Differential Tuition Increased for All Law Students for 2005/2006**

**Bearach Anderson (3L)**

If you haven't heard the news already, remember not to shoot the messenger. At the latest Law Faculty Council (LFC) meeting held April 1<sup>st</sup>, the majority of those in attendance voted to increase the amount of the differential tuition for the upcoming school year. Shocking indeed seeing as the differential tuition program was only implemented at the start of the 2003-2004 school year. Even more shocking is that the LFC has also voted to remove the grandfather clause protecting students currently enrolled. In order to avoid the arguments regarding fairness and bias between law students, the LFC has taken steps to implement

the increased differential tuition effective to all law students enrolled for the upcoming 2005-2006 academic year. The LFC argued that in the previous 2 years since the inception of the differential tuition that the faculty and students have benefited from the hiring of additional full-time and sessional professors. Students have also benefited by the creation of additional bursaries and awards with which to offset the costs of their education, along with the installment of a plasma screen at the main building entrance. This latest increase will ensure the continuation of improvements within the faculty in regard to classroom remodeling and

the implementation of access to technology. The LFC also points to the fact that even in light of the tuition increase, applications for admittance to the Faculty of Law at the U of A have actually increased. This new increase brings the cost of the University of Alberta's Faculty of Law in line with that of the U of T and Dalhousie. On a brighter note the LFC have agreed to revisit the issue again at the end of the 2005-2006 term and determine what, if any, steps need be taken. So start saving your bottles, next year is going to cost you \$10,000 on top of your regular University of Alberta tuition.



# Dean's MESSAGE



Congratulations, Alberta Law, on finishing what was a delightfully record-breaking year! The faculty is proud to announce that it met all of its major goals for the 2004 / 2005 year, including the graduation of our last remaining grandfathered students: as of Fall 2005, every student in the faculty will be paying differential tuition! I have to tell you that ever since we learned that we could solve all our financial concerns simply by charging the students more, it's been a driving goal of ours to do precisely that. As a result of our dedication, I think you'll all be happy to know that in the upcoming 2005 / 2006 year, students here for the first time will all be paying more!

Not content to rest on our laurels, however, the faculty has implemented a plan to collect even more differential tuition in the upcoming years. By forcing graduating students to complete a series of required courses, and simply "forgetting" to actually offer the class, we anticipate a dramatic increase in collectable tuition. The experiment seems to be working thus far,

## Message From the Dean

with only 100 Professional Responsibility spaces being available to 2007's "graduating" class of 180 students. We look forward to seeing you all around the school well into the next decade!

This unprecedented influx of funding has allowed us to finally implement the promises made when differential tuition was first introduced: year-long vacations for all tenured professors! That's right, next year will not only mark a record high for tuition, but in part-time sessional instruction as well! The faculty here is eminently sensitive to the educational needs of our students, and we recognize that a relatively inexperienced and largely transient body of instructors best meets your developmental needs! That's why we've used your differential tuition moneys to ensure only the most random of sessionals out there get to work for you!

The faculty of law is also pleased to announce that non-law involvement in the building was higher than ever this year! Students not actually in law were practically (and at least once, literally!) breeding in the Library this year, with cell phone conversations and petty acts of vandalism at an all time high! We on the fourth floor are proud to

bring U of A law students an unparalleled opportunity to associate with and study alongside your future clients and jury members. By doing so, we hope you at the very least can come to appreciate why lawyers, more than members of any other profession out there, engage in wanton alcohol abuse.

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# Caselaw UPDATE

## Professor Shanon O'Byrne

(April 1, 2005)

The following 1984 decision by Lord Denning was suppressed and remained unreported by order of the House of Lords. The House of Lord's view was that since Lord Denning had retired in 1982, he did not have the jurisdiction to hear cases after that date. Lord Denning disagreed and continued to sit as a judge intermittently. Following a successful application by **Professor O'Byrne** under England's *Freedom of Information and Privacy* legislation, Lord Denning's decision has only now become available to *Canons of Construction* readers.

*A. & B. Grifters Ltd. v. Botox* (18 April 1984) 84/345902391 (C.A.)

**LORD DENNING M.R.:** A. & B. Grifters Ltd. ("the plaintiffs") are a little company. The company provides personal security consultations at affordable prices. "A" stands for Mr. Armstrong, a small arms expert, "B" for Mr. Bruiser, a bail bondsman. The plaintiffs claim that they are owed money by the defendant, Mr. Botox.

There are many obstacles in the way of the plaintiffs' case but they are heroic in their perseverance. They cannot prove that Mr. Botox ever promised to pay them money. They cannot point to any consideration that they provided to Mr. Botox in exchange for the promise, which as noted above, they cannot prove was ever made. These may, however, prove to be small matters. The related absence of privity is clearly of no concern because, as stated in *Smith v. River Douglas Catchment Bd.*, [1949] 2 K.B. 500 (C.A.), the principle of privity is not nearly so fundamental as it was sometimes supposed to be.

The defendant takes the position that he does not owe the plaintiffs anything. Mr. Botox admits that he did pay the plaintiffs £100 to encourage them on their way but insists he had no obligation to do so and certainly owes no obligation to do so now. The plaintiffs disagree. They are near bankruptcy and require some ready cash. Furthermore, when Mr. Botox paid the initial

## Lord Denning Uncovered

£100.00, it was clearly voluntary and this implies an obligation to pay more. The proposition of law is so well established, it requires no authority to be cited in support of it. No one can gainsay that.

Mr. Botox, as a last resort, relies on the principle of promissory estoppel. He claims that in accepting £100, A. & B. Grifters are estopped from asking for more. This principle was well illustrated in *Central London Property Trust Ltd. v. High Trees House Ltd.*, [1956] 1 All E.R. 256. Here, however, the equities run against Mr. Botox. The appearance of his face – unnaturally frozen and fixed – is distasteful. I do not like him. I make no apologies for that.

I believe that Mr. Botox should have to pay and that is the end of it. As I asked in *Packer v. Packer*, [1953] 2 ER 127;

What is the argument on the other side? Only this, that no case has been found in which it has been done before. That argument does not appeal to me in the least. If we never do anything which has not been done before, we shall never get anywhere. The law will stand whilst the rest of the world goes on; and that will be bad for both.

I now turn briefly to Mr. Botox's counterclaim. This part of the case is about Mr. Botox being badly bitten by a big dog. It was a guard-dog, an Alsatian, about two years old. When the principals of A. & B. Grifters approached Mr. Botox for money, they had the company's faithful Alsatian with them. Mr. Botox was naturally concerned about the large animal who was foaming at the mouth. Then Mr. Botox did a very foolish thing. He was terrified of the dog but says he tried to make friends with it. He patted it on the head. This seemed to infuriate the dog. The Alsatian bit Mr. Botox several times.

The counterclaim cannot prevail. As I noted in *Cummings v. Granger*, [1977] 1 All E.R. 104 (C.A.), people who try to make friends with guard dogs have voluntarily accepted the risk thereof. In addition, by touching the animal's head, Mr. Botox committed a trespass *contra canem canem canine*. His counterclaim is roundly met by the plea '*ex turpi causa non oritur actio*.'

For these reasons, I think that the judgment of the Court below was wrong and that the plaintiffs' appeal should be allowed. The defendant's counterclaim is dismissed.



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## Tale of Two Concubines

This is the Court of Shariah, soon to have its decaying houses and blighted lands in every shire...

Two weeks ago, local billionaire Wahabbi Mr. Mahmud Ali - resident of Locksley Hall, Windsor, Ontario - was defrauded by Two Wilg Concubines, Promiseous Patricia and Trolloping Tara of billions in dowry monies. All this just after Ali, through the Shariah Court of That Province, "liberated" himself from his Second Wife, Amy the "Cell-Phone" Bassili (whom he divorced unilaterally via text message).

### *The Machinations of Behennah*

A week later, Ali declared divorce from Third Wife, Katherine Lepine. Later, the infamous First Wife Ann Behennah, daughter of a former Syrian dictator-cum-Sultan, confessed that she engineered a *coup* to oust the other

wives to enjoy undisputed power as Head Mistress of Locksley Hall.

### *Enter the Concubines*

One foggy night, while crossing Locksley Moor, Behennah caught sight of the shadow of two wandering Concubines in search of a Master. She took them home instantly where they agreed to enter the Harem of Ali. Ali fell prisoner to his lust the instant he saw The Concubines. Secretly however, the Two wove a web of lust and deceit around their Master...

### *The Curse of the Concubines*

It was a dark night, when Ali awoke to the sound of two bloodcurdling cackles from just outside Locksley Hall. Running downstairs, he found the safe looted. Looking out into the night fog, he saw two shadowy women fading into obscurity. My Concubines! Cried Ali, as the shadows vanished forever

into the dark, dark mists from whence they came.

Mr. Ali now bags for blood while Behennah prowls the earth for the \$1.2 billion in dowry-prizes lost. Meanwhile, the Fallen Wives Biselli and Lepine, declined to assert their share of the prizes, lest they incur the wrath of the Imperious Behennah.

### *The Lesson to be Learnt*

Of course, people across the world are outraged and argue that Shariah law must keep to the spirit of egalitarianism that Islam originally promoted through its teachings.

### *Epilogue*

Ali however has other things on his mind, including resolution of matters pertaining to his divorce from Lepine and Bassili, including custody of their 27 children.

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# Bringing Back MEMORIES

by A Former Student

As the year comes to a close, many of you are wondering, "what did I learn in law school?" To help you answer that, I have compiled my thoughts from when I finished my years of schooling.

1. The law favored the bold, e.g. adverse possession. The law paid by the syllable, e.g. why use estop when it just means stop? The law favored high fees for lawyers – why else did they invent the law of unjust enrichment? The law assumed we never spoke when we negotiated contracts, e.g. the parol evidence rule. The law hated morons, e.g. the contributory negligence rule.

2. My classmates were divided into three groups. The first consisted of the keeners who sat at the front. They always asked questions, loved the sound of their voice, and always asked crazy hypos. They usually wore t-shirts that say

"Hard Disk Café" or "Liberate Earth Now". They were great for Speaker Bingo. Then, there were the backbenchers. They were the ones who were too cool for law school and never prepared. They bought all the old CANs or tried to borrow them from other classmates. They usually wore "Grateful Dead" or "make drinks not war" t-shirts. Then there was the vast majority who were terrified and sat in class wondering what was going on. They wrote everything down and their CANs were the size of the yellow pages. They too ended up buying last year's CANs. Their attire was no different than the vast majority of students, except when they wore their law school t-shirts to impress the SNAILS.

3. Civil Procedure and Property were the most boring courses. Why did we have to take those courses? How on earth did the prof. get stuck teaching them? Who did they piss off in their former (or current) lives to get stuck with those courses? It was just like Ned Beatty getting stuck with that hillbilly scene in *Deliverance*. Just remember the next time you wonder where in the *Rules of Court* you can extend the *Statute of*

*Limitations* when your easement is about to be extinguished – it's better than squealing like a pig.

4. I went to law school in Virginia. Virginia, the saying goes, was for lovers. Of course, it was only for married lovers since adultery was a crime in Virginia. West Virginia, the neighboring state, was also for lovers, except there you had to be related.

5. Your dog got one free bite. Heck, it could even piss all over the place, but if the same pet was amorous at the mall that was a tort (Okay, that's a stretch, but I do recall a tort case involving a "a frolic" and "a detour").

6. The best example of legal writing was *Deny v. Radar Industries*, 184 N.W.2d 289 (Mich. App. 1971) whose full opinion is: "The appellant has attempted to distinguish the factual situation in this case from that [a prior case]. He didn't. We couldn't. Affirmed. Costs to appellee." I tried that approach on an exam and got a D.

I am sure many of you have similar memories.

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**Hometown:** I don't like to think of it as a 'hometown' so much as 'the harrowing depths of unrelenting madness'.

**Sign:** Virgo, baby. But it's not for lack of trying!

**Undergrad Studies:** "are looking a lot better now, aren't they?"

**If you were stranded on an island, which CD would you want with you?**

It's a tricky question. Not only am I the embodiment of all things confusing and horrible, but I don't have ears or the capacity to enjoy music. It would have to be something entirely soul-crushing, like me. Maybe the *Tenured Tenors Series: The Best of Klar*.

**What's the one book you would take with you on a flight around the world?**

You mean, what book would I want if I couldn't move around for twenty hours and only had shared access to a very tiny bathroom? It's a strangely specific question, but I guess I'd have to go with *System Servers, Internal Clocks and You: An Introduction to Setting Beartracks Four Minutes Slower than the Rest of the Civilized World*.

**What's the one TV show you wouldn't miss even during final exams?**

I don't really watch TV so much as generate my own particular brand of entertainment. In that light, I'd say the one program you'll all be tuning into next year would be everyone's

favourite game show, *Guess That Course!* It's a high stakes game of skill and luck where the contestants - you! - frantically register in all your required courses, never knowing which ones will be cancelled two days later, and which ones shouldn't have even been available in the first place! The winner takes home a bill for ten thousand dollars in differential tuition.

**What's the one movie you would pay twice to see, even at the expensive theatre?**

Oh, it's the same show as on TV, and you'll all pay to see it three times! And not only that, but the line-ups outside the theatre will all start at six in the morning and be based on a foot race to the sales kiosk.

Law Girl/Law Gu



# Law Girl: The Faculty of Law Building



Photo by Rebecca Beatch

**The place you'll most likely travel to when finished school?**

I am the school, honey. I suppose if I could take off for a spell I would go somewhere tropical and hang out with my friends, giant concrete circle and giant concrete parabola.

**If you could chill anywhere, would you pick the beach or the mountains?**

Okay, now you're just getting nasty. I can't move, okay? And since when did "anywhere"

get limited to beaches and mountains?

**Favourite thing to do when not studying?**

Definitely watching *Extreme Home Makeover*. I also never miss *The Swan: Building Edition* and *What Not to Build out of Concrete*. I've applied to all of them, but they never return my calls!

**If money were no object what would be the first thing you would buy?**

Oh, definitely another plasma screen! The

one I have makes me feel so pretty! All the other faculty buildings are just swooning with envy. I think it goes well with my delicate, cube-like hips.

**Pub or Martini Bar?**

Well, if you were going to install either, I'd start instead with a cafeteria that doesn't charge more for pop than the vending machines fifteen feet away. That might be smart. Failing that, martini bar. I've had it up to my fluorescent lights with you beer-swilling students and your noisy, poorly attended FABS.



# Human Rights LECTURE SERIES

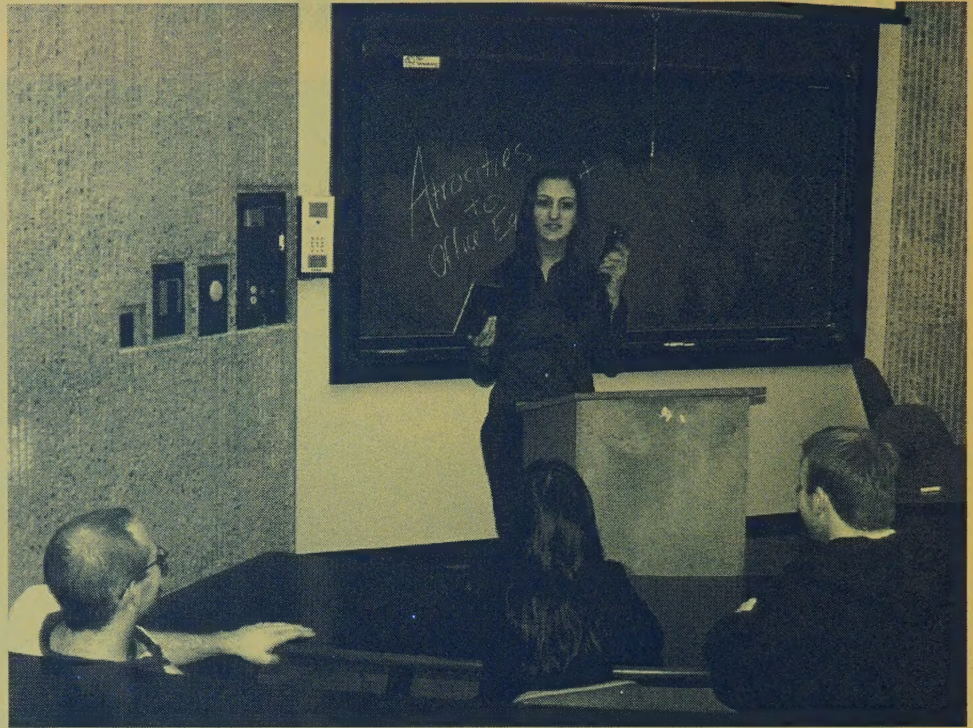
## Vista Pourbahrami (1L)

The University of Alberta has finally recognized the need to make society aware of a growing and alarming human rights issue: the countless atrocities committed against office equipment! I think it is absolutely ridiculous how blatantly we discriminate and abuse office equipment. Take, for example, the unappreciated photocopier; she reproduces at least 1000 times a week and yet has it *ever* been discussed in office meetings whether she is entitled to maternity leave? I walked into the photocopy room in the Law Library the other week to give the copiers some overdue appreciation and what did I find? Every single piece of paper in that room was *white*. Why is it that all of the coloured stacks of paper never get bought, never having the opportunity to graze the hands of eager law students? Why do we deny our tinted brethren this privilege? These are issues that remain woefully unaddressed in today's society, but last week when **Dr. Luvurs Tapler** came to speak to U of A Law students, these pressing and substantial concerns at last received the attention they deserve.

Her eye-opening lecture nearly brought me to tears; it reminded me of how much we all are to blame in contributing to the horrors suffered by office equipment. I think of how many times I let out my frustrations on an innocent stapler, when really the stapler had been nothing but wonderful to me. Dr. Luvurs recounted a memo she once wrote, advocating for non-phallic writing instruments, only to have it shredded and mocked in the daily water cooler chat sessions. Why do we resist change that would substantially empower the office equipment we constantly objectify? Can we ever break these habits? Will we ever give office equipment the respect they deserve? Will pink paper ever share equal status with white, or are we stuck in a society that diminishes the value of anything printed on anything less than egg-shell?

I choose to remain optimistic. After all, the University of Alberta has recognized the importance of these concerns by bringing Dr.

# Office Equipment Equality



Luvurs Tapler to speak to the students. Three years ago Dr. Tapler published her now famous work "Photocopywhore: Dangerous Reproductive Stereotypes Revealed" and started the *Save the Staplers* non-profit organization. *Save the Staplers* now has branches all across North America, Europe and Asia, proving that individuals can have a substantial impact on this cause. The rights of office equipment are slowly being acknowledged, but we are only in the beginning stages of this fight. I urge all you

students out there to not only fight for such rights in your personal sphere, but also to voice these concerns on the political front. Office equipment has been a slave to the hands of office personnel for too long; their hard work and contributions need to be recognized. I envision a day when the stapler no longer suffers subordinate status, a society in which the photocopier is no longer in a disadvantaged position: in my mind, complete equality in the office is possible.



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# Scandal of the YEAR

## Lawyers in the Mists

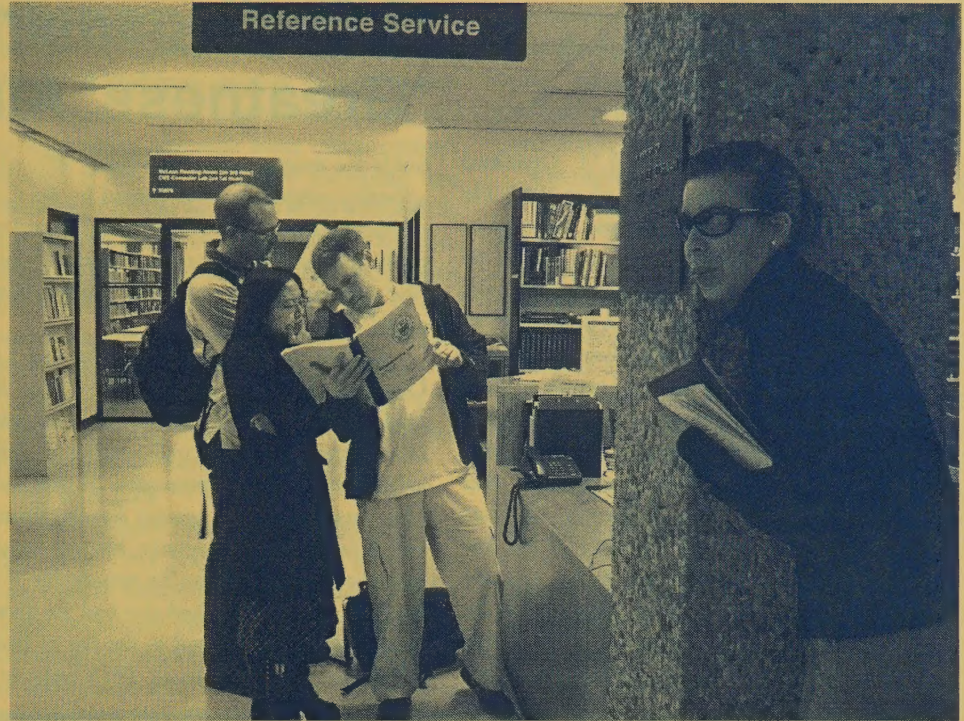
Heather Grab (1L)

Here's my quandary: I could choose to stay in law school, attending all the classes, writing all the exams, and having no life whatsoever without reaping any of the benefits of actually having a degree (what, am I stupid?!) or I could come clean: I have mislead all of you over the past 8 months. The truth is – you might want to sit down for this – that I am confessing myself to be the most dreaded of all creatures: a SNAIL. I bet now you're wondering what incriminating bits of information you have told me in the past school year.

In fact, I am really a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Sociology and the subject of my dissertation has been all of you. Yes, you! Since "enrolling" myself as a 1<sup>st</sup> year law student, I have been surreptitiously watching you, studying you, analyzing you, and occasionally Venn diagramming you. My research has culminated with my grandest achievement to date: my 3 page dissertation (and here you all thought you were a complicated and inexplicable bunch).

It is without further ado that I reveal the title of my long anticipated work (of art): *Penetrating the Inner Psyche of the "Law Student" Through a Comparative Analysis with the Customs and Traditions of the Very Ancient People of Kshdyuserhnc*. Don't you just see the resemblance already? I know I sure did. It hit me like a ton of bricks one morning when I saw what was surely a law student spiking his coffee near Java Jive early one morning – there's nothing like that double jolt of awareness and wakefulness that the Kshdyuserians practically invented. (Unfortunately their legendary recipe has been lost to us for millennia.)

The people of Kshdyuserhnc displayed socially-encouraged masochistic tendencies whereby they subjected themselves to learning and researching the most innocuously arduous (and, to outsiders, boring) topics found among humankind at that time. Unfortunately, although a highly evolved society, their general lack of common sense was displayed by their complete lack of regard for the plight of the researcher. The organizational system of looking up the results of people's research was often an exhausting exercise in cross-referencing and, finally, futility. Busywork seems to have been a cornerstone of the society as a result. The saving grace of the Kshdyuserhnc people



was their unabashed but inexplicable enjoyment of what they did.

Come nighttime, however, the Kshdyuserians knew how to let loose. Not only had they mastered the art of alcohol consumption but they could wake up the next morning and hide the effects with an Oscar-quality performance. Most startling, it has been estimated in recent years that up to 77% of the population was probably intoxicated or hung-over at any given point during an average day. I defer to my earlier example of the alcohol-infused coffee.

Despite their social tendencies, Kshdyuserians cultivated a very exclusive, territorial and often xenophobic culture that was most evident during their revered holiday of celebration – Finals (I warned you they were masochistic). The disparaging title bestowed on outsiders says it all – KNATs or Kshdyuserhnc Noc Actosh Terrios. Loosely translated this means 'people not actually Kshdyuserian'. They resented the encroachment on their research space by non-Kshdyuserians. In fact, they kept clubs and other devices at the

entrance to their territory in order to whack the KNATs upon entry and exit. It was perceived by Kshdyuserians that the utter unimportance of work done by outsiders justified KNAT-whacking.

So there you have it. At this point, you are probably thinking to yourself "But I just don't see the connection" and "What the heck do the Very Ancient People of Ksh-Ksh-Whatever have to do with us law students?". I expected as much but, lack of common sense aside, it's really just an interesting coincidence unless there is an alien emissary among you. I wouldn't doubt this for a second, so look for me next semester as I embark on researching for my first book due out in April 2006: *The Alien Proclivities of Law Students and the Resulting Effect on Social Behaviour* otherwise known as *Aliens Among Us*.

In conclusion, I have decided to reveal my true self only so I don't have to peak around corners anymore, pop up from behind books or practice other rather stalkerish traits in my efforts to glean information from your social behaviour. Now what was it you had started to tell me yesterday?



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## Awards UPDATE

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The honorable Justice I.M. Crooked graduated from the Faculty of Law in 1963. He founded the law curling club and went on to introduce law students to the sport of broomball. Both clubs have evolved into the two most active in the Faculty. A pioneer in his field, since other counsel still possessed morals, the young I.M. Crooked opened a private practice litigating Insurance Claims for soft tissue accident victims. His practice alone is credited with increasing the cost of auto insurance by over 1200%, and his litigation claims over 20 years practice total in excess of \$50,000,000 and that only counts for matters where he was the defendant. After having been appointed to the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench in 1983, another credit to patronage, Justice Crooked earned and

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holds the unique record of having 98% of his appealed judgments over turned by the Court of Appeal, and a 115% overturned record with those reaching the Supreme Court of Canada (the percentages are a credit to "Saskatchewan math").

Known as Canada's modern day Lord Denning, Justice Crooked has often been credited with creating new law from seemingly non-existent legal principals, unlike his fellow judges, who lacked any principles. As well, Justice I.M. Crooked record against female plaintiffs and defendants is impressive, having found in favour of a female plaintiff a remarkable 3% of the time. Justice Crooked also had the distinct record of being admitted to the bar of British Columbia and Ontario in 1975 only to be

disbarred within three months for being "exceptionally friendly" with not only his own clients, but also those of the opposing council. And four clerks. And then two judges. Forty-two medical students protested but they were only medical students, so the courts did not consider it. Since being appointed to the Alberta Court of Appeal in 1998, Justice Crooked has developed the unique reputation of being Alberta's Lone Dissenter never having been on the majority side of a single judgment made by the court. Justice Crooked is also known for his thorough examinations of all the issues before the court during an appeal. With a record average

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### NHL

In a surprising move, last week the NHL announced that they intend to allow the Stanley Cup to be rented out for private events such as birthday parties and picnics. Many industry experts are seeing the move as nothing more than a publicity stunt as the NHL tries to find ways to make the public care about hockey again. Commissioner Gary Bettman commented that "I think it's just crazy enough to work", but NHLPA leader Bob Goodenow simply stated that "It's stupid and you're stupid" before being mobbed by legions of adoring members of his union begging him for food scraps.

"I think that it's a great idea" stated Zeus Babaganoush, a parent planning to use the cup to teach his 3 year old son, Atlas, how to excel in

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gym class at school. "If he can dodge the Stanley Cup, he can dodge a dodge ball" stated Babaganoush, who then proceeded to continue with his son's training, forcing Atlas to recite the rules of kickball from memory. Reports are that most support for the idea comes from the city of Edmonton, although some commentators remarked that it's somewhat surprising that residents of the city are able to recall what exactly the Stanley Cup is, not having had the chance to see their local team advance very far in the playoffs for a number of years. In reaction to this comment, many residents of that city produced grainy photographs that seemed to show an Edmonton Oiler competing in the Stanley Cup Finals, although experts estimated that the photographs were at least 15 years old.

### U of A Law

It has recently been confirmed that all Friday Afternoon Beer Socials next year have been cancelled in favour of a new tradition – Friday Afternoon Board gameS, or, again: FABS. The incoming VP Social has instituted this new policy in accordance with the recent directive from University administration: No fun, all the time. The second Friday of September has tentatively been booked as 'Crokinole Day', and already the school is abuzz with anticipation of the Old Maid tournament, to be held in the last week of January 2006. Also, fire up those bingo dobbers as Law Show has been replaced by a celebrity bingo tournament at the request of this year's new charity – The Benson & Hedges centre for

cigarette executives facing huge lawsuits. Lastly, there are unconfirmed rumours that next year's Entertainment Law final exam includes a karaoke contest, with one of the questions on the exam being: "excuse me ma'am, is this man bothering you"? (If you don't get that, see Top Gun again - and shame on you).

### Olympics

As you likely know, Chilliwack, BC has been named as the host city for the 2010 Winter Olympics. Response to this announcement was enormous, and the town has since begun work on providing the necessary venues for such an enormous event. The sole local resident has been brewing twice the usual amount of moonshine in preparation for the huge crowds soon to descend on that city. Canada expects a record medal haul - they plan to invoke a seldom used clause allowing the host country to invent a new sport for inclusion in the Olympics. Rumour has it that Eastern Canada is pushing for the inclusion of a new form of triathlon, which would include log riding, maple syrup gathering and obtaining federal grant money, while the West would prefer a contest to see which competitor can complain about 'alienation' the loudest. Either way, Canada looks like a good bet to sweep these new medals.

In related news, the International Olympic Committee woke up with a huge headache the morning after the announcement and promised to never drink again.

See you next year!

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of 120 pages on each dissenting decision, it is often said the Justice Crooked leaves no stone unturned, except for his world famous pet rock collection.

When questioned about his nomination for this honour, Justice Crooked spoke of his proudest moment: being able to come to the University without having to sit through Legal Research and Writing classes. On an unrelated note, Justice Crooked made a record-breaking donation to the Faculty of Law this year and is now the single largest sponsor of the Canons of Construction. For all the unique qualities listed above and the remarkable accomplishments the Justice has made in his career the Editors of Canons of Construction are pleased to name Mr. Justice Crooked as the 2005 recipient of the DeNeil Klargallson O'Belligsmen Award for being the best Alumni ever!



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